STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0019

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO APPROVE FUNDING AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF INTERIM EMERGENCY DRINKING WATER TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITH CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES

WHEREAS:

- 1. On January 17, 2014, the Governor issued a "Proclamation of a State of Emergency" due to drought conditions in the State of California;
- 2. Current drought conditions, which are anticipated to continue through 2014, may exacerbate the contamination of drinking water sources in communities across the State;
- 3. Senate Bill 103 (Stats. 2014, ch. 2) added Item 3940-002-0679 to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2013 to appropriate \$4 million from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to "provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies, without regard to the source of contamination, including those contaminated drinking water supplies exacerbated by drought conditions";
- 4. Eligible entities that could apply for this funding include public agencies, not-for-profit water districts, other not-for-profit organizations, and tribal governments; and
- 5. It is the intent of the State Water Board to provide interim emergency drinking water to affected disadvantaged communities in an expedient manner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

- Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to approve or deny interim emergency drinking water funding requests, consistent with Item 3940-002-0679 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2013, for \$150,000 or less;
- 2. Authorizes the Executive Director to approve or deny interim emergency drinking water funding requests, consistent with Item 3940-002-0679 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2013, including but not limited to funding requests for more than \$150,000;
- 3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance to execute agreements and amendments to disburse funds approved pursuant to Resolved Nos. 1 or 2, and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such agreements:

- 4. Directs staff to continue working with other state and federal agencies, cities, and counties, as well as local partners, stakeholders, and non-governmental organizations, including Environmental Justice groups and Self Help groups, that are involved in providing drinking water to disadvantaged communities;
- Directs staff to investigate ways to provide financial assistance to economically disadvantaged private well owners that have lost their water supply due to the drought or contamination issues; and
- 6. Directs staff to bring <u>Resolution 2012-0053</u> back to the Board within 3 months with proposed revisions to allow more flexibility in allocating the funds and be more responsive to existing needs.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on April 22, 2014.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus

Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber Board Member Tam M. Doduc Board Member Steven Moore Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

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